

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

The sky was dark with rain clouds, and a brisk fall breeze moved the tree tops as they walked home from school. Katie, Mary, John, and Charlie lived [be/ on/ do] Hampton Avenue and attended the same [kitty/ school/ chair]. They were excited on this particular afternoon because [it/ got/ yes] was Halloween afternoon and soon it [sorry/ parts/ would] be Halloween night!

The gang had [holds/ frees/ spent] weeks planning their costumes and had designed disguises [into/ that/ year] were sure to fool all the neighbors. Katie [smile/ made/ dance] a glamorous dress from some old [drapes/ truck/ cream] and was going to be a [lock/ movie/ mean] star or Miss America, depending on [how/ too/ one] her hair turned out. Mary was [heard/ waste/ going] to be a vampire, Charlie a [cheers/ candy/ ghost], and John was dressing like Rambo.

[They/ Green/ Went] agreed to meet in front of John's [shoes/ house/ damp] at seven o'clock. It would just [not/ him/ be] getting dark by then.

When they gathered, everyone admired [clap/ each/ shine] other's costume. Katie looked grown-up [that/ all/ with] her lipstick, while Charlie looked like [the/ hop/ for] scariest ghost from a horror movie. John [was/ card/ eat] too skinny to really look like Rambo, [was/ her/ but] he had paint on his face [eye/ and/ fall] looked mean. The vampire was Mary, [roll/ star/ who] had painted her fingernails with red [truck/ polish/ opens]. They all had fun getting dressed [bee/ up/ you].

They walked around the neighborhood filling [their/ none/ deer] bags with

candy. As usual, Mrs. Smith [had/ jar/ went] made candy apples and popcorn balls. [Keep/ Loud/ They] were always delicious. On the other [wet/ hand/ ties], Mr. Franks gave out yucky candy [we/ rot/ in] yellow and black wrappers.

The wind [art/ was/ pot] blowing stronger and making eerie noises [top/ in/ as] they approached the Marsten house. The [group/ lane/ trips] began to walk slower. They stood [more/ never/ tree] closely together. They all had heard [gag/ the/ rest] rumors. Years ago the authorities had discovered Mr. Marsten chained [to/ be/ an] a bed in the attic. Mrs. Marsten [had/ me/ cop] been keeping him a prisoner. Since [doll/ then/ act], he had been moved to a [mat/ cry/ home] for the elderly. Mrs. Marsten, though, [lead/ still/ cent] lived in the old house. It [hour/ the/ was] now overgrown with weeds, and an [tot/ iron/ use] door had been placed in the [front/ week/ lower]. Mrs. Marsten was rarely seen by [ovens/ anyone/ frozen].

They had planned to pass by the [house/ just/ path] without looking. They could not resist, however, [and/ jog/ get] they peered down her driveway. The [fancy/ care/ house] was pitch black dark. If a [pools/ light/ days] was on in the house, it [except/ could/ chain] not be seen from the street. Suddenly, [do/ in/ a] scream! They all tore down the [grow/ see/ road] back to John's house, some even dropping [soon/ their/ panic] bags of candy. They fell onto [cap/ the/ west] grass, out of breath. No one [thumb/ grass/ knew] who had screamed or what had happened. Scary [bolts/ truth/ things] occur on Halloween night!